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Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Guinea-Bissau (S/2007/715)

Other matters

3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Middle East (Lebanon) (S/2007/641)

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

5 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

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Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting Devoted to the Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children

10 a.m.	69th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	70th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
6 p.m.	71st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting Devoted to the Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children [66 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/62/L.31)

Round table 2

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Round table 2: *"Providing universal quality education as key to achieving the Millennium development goals and as the first line of protection against abuse, exploitation and violence against children"*

Co-chaired by H.E. Ms. Cecilia Landereche Gómez Morin, Minister, Head of the National System for Integral Family Development, Mexico; and H.E. Mr. Göran Hägglund, Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

[*Note:* Delegations are reminded that given the time limitations, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed five minutes (longer statements might be circulated in written form). Interventions in the round table should not exceed three minutes.]

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Informal "informal" consultations of the whole (closed), on a draft resolution entitled "Organization of the 2008 comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS", will be held on Thursday, 13 December 2007, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 128 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009:

(A/62/6 (Introduction), A/62/6 (Introduction)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 1), A/62/6 (Sect. 2), A/62/6 (Sect. 3), A/62/6 (Sect. 4), A/62/6 (Sect. 4)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 5), A/62/6 (Sect. 6), A/62/6 (Sect. 7), A/62/6 (Sect. 8), A/62/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 9), A/62/6 (Sect. 10), A/62/6 (Sect. 11), A/62/6 (Sect. 12), A/62/6 (Sect. 12)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 13), A/62/6 (Sect. 14), A/62/6 (Sect. 15), A/62/6 (Sect. 16), A/62/6 (Sect. 17), A/62/6 (Sect. 18), A/62/6 (Sect. 19), A/62/6 (Sect. 19)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 20), A/62/6 (Sect. 21), A/62/6 (Sect. 22), A/62/6 (Sect. 23), A/62/6 (Sect. 23)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 24), A/62/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 25), A/62/6 (Sect. 26), A/62/6 (Sect. 27), A/62/6 (Sect. 28), A/62/6 (Sect. 28A), A/62/6 (Sect. 28A)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 28B), A/62/6 (Sect. 28B)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 28C), A/62/6 (Sect. 28C)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 28D), A/62/6 (Sect. 28E), A/62/6 (Sect. 28E)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 28E)/Corr.2, A/62/6 (Sect. 28F), A/62/6 (Sect. 28G), A/62/6 (Sect. 29), A/62/6 (Sect. 29)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 30), A/62/6 (Sect. 31), A/62/6 (Sect. 32), A/62/6 (Sect. 33), A/62/6 (Sect. 34), A/62/6 (Sect. 35), A/62/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/62/6 (Income Sect. 2) and A/62/6 (Income Sect. 3));

Section 33, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/91);

Consolidated report on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/80, A/62/80/Corr.1, A/62/80/Corr.2, A/62/80/Corr.3 and A/62/80/Add.1);

Experience of the utilization of the contingency fund (A/62/229);

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7, A/62/7/Corr.1 and A/62/349); and

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/62/16 (Chap. III B)))

3–3.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 128 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2008-2009 (A/C.5/62/3 and A/62/7/Add.5))

3.30–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 128 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/62/175, A/62/7/Add.3, A/62/7/Add.3/Corr.1, A/C.5/62/2 and A/62/7/Add.13))

4.30–5 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 128 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 17, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F and 28G to ensure operational preparedness and business continuity in a protracted human influenza pandemic crisis (A/62/328, A/62/7/Add.1 and A/62/7/Add.1/Corr.1))

5–5.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 127 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/61/188, A/61/188/Corr.1, A/61/661, A/61/801 and A/62/351))

5.30–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: United Nations Secretariat Consolidated Report 2006 (A/62/164 and A/62/352))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007
2. New Partnership on Africa's Development
3. Executive session

Peacebuilding Commission

Second session

Sierra Leone Configuration

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Consideration and adoption of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework
3. Other matters

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), under agenda item 59 (b) (Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)

From 1 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution A/62/L.26, entitled "Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Botswana, on behalf of the African Group)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 12 December 2007

Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (sixth session)

Working Group on the Budget

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Working Group on permanent premises

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression: adoption of the report

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the proposed amendment to the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims

4.30–5 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations

5–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the triennial comprehensive policy review of the operational activities for development of the United Nations)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Assembly of States Parties (on cooperation) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting Devoted to the Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children

Event on "Children in Angola: Achievements in the protection and promotion of the rights of the child" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Angola)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[All are invited to attend.]

Event on "The untold story of preventing iodine deficiency and the need to complete the promise" (organized by the ICCIDD and the Network for Sustained Elimination of Iodine Deficiency)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

Guests at 12 noon . . . H.E. Mr. John Mourikis, Permanent Representative of Greece; and Ms. Hilde Johnson, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF (on the impact of climate change on children)

3 p.m. . . . . Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), to present Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Crown Prince of Qatar, the UNODC Certificate of Honour

Security Council stakeout

Morning[1] . . . . . Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (on the issue of cocaine trafficking in West Africa)

[1]To be held following the Security Council consultations on Guinea-Bissau.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will meet on Friday, 14 December 2007, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all outstanding matters.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 22nd meeting on Thursday, 13 December 2007 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities
Briefing

The Chairman of the Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee, H.E. Mr. Johan Verbeke (Belgium), will hold a briefing for interested Member States, on Tuesday, 18 December 2007, at 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The briefing will focus on the current work of the Committee and the Al-Qaida and Taliban Monitoring Team and will also serve as an opportunity to engage in a mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States. The Chairman of the Committee and the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team will be available to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at the briefing.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing (closed) by the secretariat of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the issue of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, on Thursday, 13 December 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will hold its 1st meeting on Friday, 14 December 2007, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. [*Letter by the President of the General Assembly dated 6 December 2007*: <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/letters.shtml>.]

Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (14-18 July 2008)

There will be an open-ended informal meeting, convened by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, on Monday, 17 December 2007, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of nominating the Chairman-designate of the Third Biennial Meeting of States. All members of Permanent and Observer Missions and interested representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Peacebuilding Commission
Second session

Working Group on Lessons Learned

There will be a meeting (open) of the Working Group on Lessons Learned of the Peacebuilding Commission on "Local governance and decentralization in post-conflict contexts" on Thursday, 13 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefings

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold informal briefings in preparation for the first regular session of 2008, as follows:

Informal briefing on the evaluation policy on Friday, 14 December 2007 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7; and

Informal briefing on the 2008-2009 biennial support budget on Monday, 14 January 2008 from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (First basement).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (29 January to 1 February 2008) will take place on Wednesday, 16 January 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in document E/ICEF/2008/1. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 29 January to 1 February 2008, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2008/1. Advance copies of this and all other documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html>.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to send their credentials to the secretariat of the UNICEF Executive Board (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; or by fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as early as possible, but no later than Friday, 18 January 2008.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will be held on Friday, 25, and on Monday, 28 January 2008, in Conference Room 2.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on the UNDP's accountability system (accountability framework and oversight policy), on Monday, 17 December 2007, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session 2008

The first regular session 2008 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 21, to Thursday, 24 January 2008, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2008/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; or by fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but no later than 11 January 2008. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Chamber.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 25, and Monday, 28 January 2008, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 11 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Thursday, 13 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 13 December 2007, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement

Thursday, 13 December 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

United Nations Development Programme (first meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report*))

Friday, 14 December 2007, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Meeting of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (organized by the Permanent Mission of Angola)

Tuesday, 18 December 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 19 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 19 December 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 13 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[The event will be webcast live at <www.un.org/webcast>. For further information, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo, OCHA (e-mail yoo@un.org).]

Informal briefing on "The African Union social affairs agenda and activities" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union)

Thursday, 13 December 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Francesc Claret, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-5170); or Mr. Ahmed Abdullahi Elobeid, Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union (tel. 1 (212) 319-5490).]

Meeting on "The use of underground space for promoting sustainable development" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the International Tunneling Association, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council)

Friday 14 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (917) 367-5027).]

Annual general meeting of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies (organized by the Permanent Mission of Qatar)

Monday, 17 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited.]

Panel discussion on "The Migrant Workers Convention: A tool for rights-based development", on the occasion of the International Migrants Day (co-sponsored by the NGO Committee on Migration and the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

Monday, 17 December 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited.]

UNU-UN midday forum: "Unleashing the Potential of Urban Growth" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Monday, 17 December 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[For more information and to register to attend, please contact Mr. Ibrahim Tahri, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-4381; e-mail ibrahim@ony.unu.edu).]

Forum on "Eyes on the South as a Knowledge Hub" (organized by UNICEF, the World Bank, the United Nations Special Unit for South-South Cooperation and the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Tuesday, 18 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact UNICEF (tel. 1 (212) 824-6767; or e-mail eyes@unicef.org).]

United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation (2007) (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

Wednesday, 19 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[The annual event will be presided by the President of the General Assembly High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation with the theme "Innovative financing for South-South development cooperation".

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rogel Nuguid, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-6944; e-mail rogel.nuguid@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Announcements

General Assembly

List of candidates

Delegations are kindly reminded that the list of candidates (an informal working paper) for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and other information on elections and candidatures are available on CandiWeb at the following address: <https://secln069.un.org/candiweb>. Instructions to access the Web page can be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2337 or via e-mail to santomauro@un.org.

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-second regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent by *today*, 12 December 2007, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420F or S-3420S; tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 1 (917) 367-5360).

Informational meeting with Member States to discuss issues relating to Russian language services

The second round of language-specific informational meetings between the language services of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and Member States was held from 19 to 21 November for Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish. The meeting for Russian, originally scheduled for 21 November, which was cancelled, has been rescheduled for Friday, 14 December, at 3 p.m. The meeting will take place in Conference Room 9.

Preparations for the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (25 February–7 March 2008), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women; and (b) Capacity building on gender mainstreaming in relation to financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Deadline for submission of information has been extended to Friday, 4 January 2008; information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail mcdougalls@un.org or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463).

Further details on the panel discussions are available on the DAW Web site <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/52sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.html>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 10 December 2007

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

65th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine: draft resolutions (A/62/L.18, A/62/L.19, A/62/L.20/Rev.1 and A/62/L.21/Rev.1) [18]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 18.

The representative of Senegal made a statement, in course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/62/L.18, A/62/L.19, A/62/L.20/Rev.1 and A/62/L.21/Rev.1.

The representative of Panama made a statement, in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 109 votes to 8, with 55 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/62/L.18 (resolution 62/80).

By 110 votes to 8, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/62/L.19 (resolution 62/81).

By 161 votes to 8, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/62/L.20/Rev.1 (resolution 62/82).

By 161 votes to 7, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/62/L.21/Rev.1 (resolution 62/83).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

The situation in the Middle East: draft resolutions (A/62/L.22 and A/62/L.23) [17]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 17.

By 160 votes to 6, with 7 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/62/L.22 (resolution 62/84).

By 111 votes to 6, with 56 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/62/L.23 (resolution 62/85).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Argentina (also on behalf of Brazil) and Australia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Hungary made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Reports of the Second and Fifth Committees

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second and Fifth Committees which were before the Assembly.

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/62/419/Add.4) [54 (d)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution (recorded vote)			
Operative paragraph 11	162	2	0
Draft resolution			
Draft resolution as a whole as orally corrected (resolution 62/86)		Adopted	

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 54.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/563) [128]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/62/563) (resolution 62/87).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 128.

Oceans and the law of the sea [77]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/66, A/62/66/Add.1 and A/62/66/Add.2)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its eighth meeting (A/62/169)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/62/L.27)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/260)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/62/L.24)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 77 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Iceland, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Canada.

The General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to hear the observer for International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the observer for the International Seabed Authority, as the last speakers in the debate on agenda item 77 and its sub-items (a) and (b) in the afternoon.

In accordance with this decision and General Assembly resolution 51/204 of 17 December 1996, the observer for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea made a statement.

In accordance with the decision and General Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, the observer for the International Seabed Authority made a statement.

The General Assembly was informed that the debate on this item would be continued at a later date, to be announced.

Tuesday, 11 December 2007

Security Council

5797th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 11 December 2007, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 5797th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Ms. Lisa Buttenheim, Director of the Asia and Middle East Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

"Members of the Council, Ms. Buttenheim and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

5798th meeting *Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Algeria, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2007/45).

5799th meeting *The situation in the Middle East*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2007/46).

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

66th plenary meeting *Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting Devoted to the Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children* . . . . . [66 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.31)

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Economic and Social Council made a statement.

H.E. Ms. Ann Veneman, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to hear a statement by one Child Delegate.

The Child Delegate, Mr. Longeni Matsi (Namibia), addressed the Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Micro Tomassoni, Head of State of the Republic of San Marino

H.E. Mr. Micro Tomassoni, Head of State of the Republic of San Marino, made a statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Amadou Toumani Touré, Head of State of the Republic of Mali

H.E. Mr. Amadou Toumani Touré, Head of State of the Republic of Mali, made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Ms. Jozefina Topalli Çoba, Speaker of the Assembly of Albania; H.E. Mr. André Rouvoet, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Youth and Family of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Standing Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the National Commission for Mothers and Children of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Ms. Constance Simelane, Deputy Prime Minister of Swaziland; H.E. Ms. Natalya Petkevich, Deputy Head of the Administration of the President of Belarus; H.E. Ms. Svetlana Inamova, Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan; H.E. Ms. Alima Mahama, Minister of Women's and Children Affairs of Ghana (on behalf of the African Union); H.E. Ms. Claire Hepburn, Senator, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs of the Bahamas (on behalf of the Caribbean Community); H.E. Mr. Antonio Milososki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; H.E. Ms. Ana Ligia Mixco Sol de Saca, the First Lady and National Secretary for the Family of El Salvador; H.E. Ms. Moushira Khattab, Minister and Secretary-General of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood of Egypt; H.E The Honourable Margaret Nasha, Minister of Local Government of Botswana; H.E. The Honourable Marlene Mungunda, Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare of Namibia; H.E. Mr. Göran Hägglund, Minister for Health and Social Affairs of Sweden; and H.E. Ms. Priya Manickchand, Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security of Guyana.

67th plenary meeting

Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting Devoted to the Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children [66 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.31)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 66 (b).

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Ms. Viera Tomanova, Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of Slovakia; H.E. Dr. Esperanza Cabral, Minister of Social Welfare and Development of the Philippines; H.E. Ms. Nezha Skalli, Minister of Family, Social Development and Solidarity of Morocco; H.E. Ms. Maria Rosaria Bindi, Minister of Family of Italy; H.E. Mr. João Batista Kussumua, President of the National Council of Children and Minister for Social Assistance and Reintegration of Angola; H.E. Ms. Mathabiso Lepono, Minister of Gender, Youth, Sports and Recreation of Lesotho; H.E. Ms. Catherine Fonck, Minister of Health, Childhood and Youth Assistance of the Government of the French Community of Belgium; H.E. Dr. Sharifa bint Khalfan bin Nasser Al-Yahyai, Minister of Social Development of Oman; H.E. Mr. Askar Shakirov, National Ombudsman of Kazakhstan; H.E. Ms. Hijran Huseynova,

Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Ms. Fatimatow Mint Kharttri, Minister for Promotion of Women, Children and Family Affairs of Mauritania; H.E. Mr. Aghvan Vardanian, Minister of Labour and Social Issues of Armenia; H.E. Ms. Hadja Fatoumata Tété Nabe, Minister of Social Affairs, Advancement of Women and Childhood of Guinea; H.E. Ms. Kirsys Fernández de Valenzuela, Minister of State for Children of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Ms. Montserrat Gil-Torné, Minister of Health, Welfare, Family and Housing of Andorra; H.E. Ms. Sophia Simba, Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Ms. Virgilia Dos Santos Matabele, Minister for Women and Coordination of Social Affairs of Mozambique; H.E. Ms. Victorina Espinola, Minister of Childhood and Adolescents of Paraguay; H.E. Ms. Hajia Saudatu Bungundu, Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development of Nigeria; and H.E. Mr. Ith Sam Heng, Minister of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation of Cambodia.

68th plenary meeting — The summary of the 68th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2007/240).

Main Committees

Second Committee

34th meeting — *Sustainable development* . . . . . [54]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.23/Rev.2

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Israel, in the course of which he announced that Cameroon, the Congo, Eritrea, Monaco, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Tonga had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 118 to 0, with 29 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Tunisia (on behalf of the Arab Group) and Indonesia.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia), the United States and Israel.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of Togo and the Dominican Republic with regard to their votes.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item and item 54 as a whole.

Organization of work

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of the outstanding draft resolution was close of business, Wednesday, 12 December, in order for Committee to take action on it at its next formal meeting on Friday, 14 December.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Madrid, 13 September 1983

Acceptance: Malaysia (11 December 2007)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Guinea (11 December 2007)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Guinea (11 December 2007)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Dominican Republic (10 December 2007)[1]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Yemen (7 December 2007)[1]

Entry into force of the Amendments: 7 December 2008, in accordance with article 66

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (11 December 2007)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2007* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Botswana
H.E. Mr. Samuel Outlule

Asian States:
Samoa
Ms. Rona Meleisea
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Vitaly I. Churkin

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
H.E. Mr. Camillo Gonsalves

Western European and other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Carles Font-Rossell

Documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 December 2007.

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A/62/403 Item 31 — International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/62/404 Item 32 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/62/434 Item 65 — Report of the Human Rights Council — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]

A/62/512/Add.4/Corr.1 Item 128 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/62/564 Item 129 — Programme planning — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/62/L.25* Reissued for technical reasons [F (only)]

A/62/L.31 Item 66 (b) — Promotion and protection of the rights of children: follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children — Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly — Declaration of the commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/62/L.23/Rev.2* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

Tenth emergency special session

A/ES-10/405–S/2007/707
Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Identical letters dated 4 December 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Peacebuilding Commission

Documents

Second session

Sierra Leone configuration

PBC/2/SLE/1 Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework [A C E F R S]

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A/ES-10/405–S/2007/707
Identical letters dated 4 December 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2007/718	Belgium, Congo, France, Italy, Panama, Russian Federation, Slovakia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2007/719	Letter dated 21 November 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2007/720	Letter dated 6 December 2007 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2007/721	Letter dated 31 August 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2007/722	Letter dated 7 December 2007 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5795	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5796	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1787 (2007)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5795th meeting, on 10 December 2007 [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2008 regular session

E/C.2/2008/2/Add.12	Quadrennial reports for the period 2003-2006 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
E/C.2/2008/2/Add.15	Quadrennial reports for the period 2003-2006 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
E/C.2/2008/2/Add.26	Quadrennial reports for the period 2003-2006 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Commission for Social Development
Forty-sixth session

E/CN.5/2008/1	Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work [A C E F R S]
E/CN.5/2008/NGO/2	Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: promoting full employment and decent work for all — Statement submitted by Kolping International Society and International Association of Charities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]

E/CN.5/2008/NGO/24 Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: promoting full employment and decent work for all — Statement submitted by World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]

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DP/2008/7 Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Evaluation — Management response to the evaluation of results-based management in UNDP [A C E F R S]

DP/2008/11 Item 6 of the provisional agenda — UNIFEM — Report on the UNIFEM cost recovery policy [A C E F R S]

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